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Gary K. Law et al.

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Art Unit: 2121

For: STATE MACHINE FUNCTION BLOCK  
WITH A USER MODIFIABLE OUTPUT  
CONFIGURATION DATABASE

Examiner: T. K. Pham

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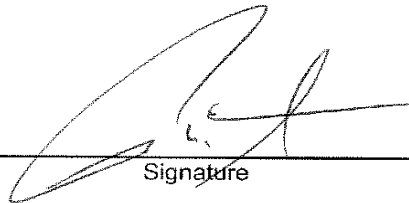
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